**Personal Finance Project**

Create a 5-year plan that you can follow to set yourself up for lifetime financial success. Include education and career choice, accounts and investments, and budgeting. Explain the decisions and trade-offs you
will have to make for each.

ACADEMIC

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| **ESSAY** | **Points Possible** | **Points Earned** |
| RESEARCH |
| Use facts from these sources to support your decisions: a) *Civics Today*, Ch. 20 b) “The College Payoff” c) at least one other reliable source  | 12 |  |
| Include at least one quote or statistic from each source with parenthetical citation | 12 |  |
| List Works Cited at the end in MLA format | 6 |  |
| WRITING |
| Each paragraph should have a strong topic sentence that answers the prompt, is supported by specific evidence and explained thoroughly in your own words (ACE) | 10 |  |
| Accurately use and underline economics terms in each paragraph | 10 |  |
| PARAGRAPHS |
| 1. Introduce your lifetime goals and overall 5-year plan to meet those goals
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| 1. Explain decisions and trade-offs you will make for education and career choice
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| 1. Explain decisions and trade-offs you will make for accounts and investments
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| 1. Explain decisions and trade-offs you will make for budgeting
 | 5 |  |
| 1. Conclude with a reflection on how this plan affects what you are doing now
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| FORMAT |
| Essay is 2.5-3 pages (double spaced, 1 in margins, 11 pt font) with rubric on top | 5 |  |
| **TOTAL** | **80** |  |

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| **PRESENTATION** | **Points Possible** | **Points Earned** |
| Clearly explain decisions and trade-offs you will make for education and career choice, accounts and investments, and budgeting | 10 |  |
| Speech reflects preparation and practice (memorized or with an outline only) | 5 |  |
| Bring and explain a visual aid or object that will remind you of your plan | 5 |  |
| Professional dress | 5 |  |
| **TOTAL** | **25** |  |

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| **Comments** | **Major Grade** |
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